the hall of Rogers. There are no inaccessible cliques,—Technology is above all things essentially Democratic; there is no position in her undergraduate society to which a man may not aspire. It is the man who shares in the interests of his college that is ever welcomed by his fellows. And he it is who looks backward with the most profit and the most pleasure when his college days are over.

James Mason Crafts, LL D.

It is with pleasure we record the honor conferred on our President by Harvard University on June 29, 1898. The terms under which the degree of Doctor of Laws was given form a graceful and significant recognition on the part of Harvard of the place held by the Institute of Technology among scientific schools. "James Mason Crafts.—Forty years ago a graduate of the Lawrence Scientific School, a lifelong student of Chemistry, the President of the most successful school of applied science in the United States, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology."

Degrees were also conferred on Thomas Wentworth Higginson and John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, 7th Earl of Aberdeen.

Course XIII.

During the past month it has been rumored that the students now studying Naval Construction at Annapolis would be sent to Technology, and the course at the former place discontinued. The course in Naval Architecture here has recently been inspected by the Government, but the report was unfavorable, and the men from the Naval Academy will not be sent here. It is understood that this decision on the part of the Navy Department is not based on the relative merits of the two courses, but rather upon the prejudice and conservatism of certain officers of the line, who maintain that the Government should educate its own naval constructors and support the course at Annapolis, regardless of its efficiency, at any cost.

Address to the Freshmen.

On Wednesday, the 28th, the entering class was addressed by the President in Huntington Hall. President Crafts spoke of the superiority of the educated man over the uneducated, and especially of the advantages, as shown by the Spanish-American War, possessed by Americans by reason of their training in mechanics over a nation that lacked the knowledge how to obtain the highest efficiency from the complex mechanisms of modern warfare at its disposal. He also said that honesty and sincerity was behind all scientific work of lasting value. Without these qualities, failure and disaster were the inevitable result.

The President, in conclusion, regretted that he could not know the class individually, but said that his office was open to those who wished to consult him on any matter, and that they would always be welcome there.

Gifts to the Institute.

Mr. George A. Gardner, of the Corporation, has made a gift of $20,000 to the Institute, the income of which is for salaries for instructors. Besides this amount, there comes to the Institute a legacy of $40,000 from the estate of Mrs. Ann White Dickinson for scholarships.

Y. M. C. A. Reception.

On Saturday, the 15th, the M. I. T. Y. M. C. A. will give its annual reception to new students in Rogers Corridor. During the evening the new General Library will be formally opened. The occasion promises to be especially important, as President Crafts is to give the address of welcome to the first class to enter the Institute under his administration. Harry L. Morse, '99, President of the Athletic Association, will speak on "Physical Training and Athletics at Technology." Addresses will be made by F. M. Gilbert and other well known Y. M. C. A. and Tech. men. Invitations will be out soon.